

# ARMED FORCES DAY



**ALL ACROSS AMERICA**

May 18, 2019



Captain DuFresne is currently assigned as the Sector Commander / Captain of the Port / Federal On Scene Commander of Coast Guard Sector Buffalo, New York. He is responsible for the conduct of all Coast Guard missions by 15 subordinate units with an assigned area of responsibility stretching from the St. Lawrence Seaway, westward through Lakes Ontario and Erie to Lorain, OH, including Niagara Falls and portions of the Finger Lakes region and Erie Barge Canal.

Captain DuFresne's previous assignment was as Deputy Sector Commander of Coast Guard Sector North Carolina, Wilmington, NC, with responsibility for Coast Guard operations within and seaward of the state of North Carolina. He first served as a student engineer in Coast Guard Cutter VIGILANT, homeported in Cape Canaveral, FL. His other operational assignments include tours at Sector Baltimore, MD, conducting small passenger vessel inspections, Port State Control and waterways management; and as the Supervisor at Marine Safety Detachment Sturgeon Bay, WI, performing inspections for the Great Lakes bulk carrier fleet and new construction oversight for seagoing tank barges. His staff assignments in Washington, DC, include as a staff naval architect at the Coast Guard Headquarters Office of Design and Engineering Standards, staff engineer at the Marine Safety Center and strategic analyst at the Office of Strategic Management.

He graduated the United States Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture/Marine Engineering. He was awarded Master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture/Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. He was selected for and completed a fellowship from 2010 to 2011 with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI program on Foreign Politics, International Relations, and the National Interest. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Maryland. His article titled "Project Evergreen's Long Range Strategic Planning" was published in the United States Naval Institute periodical *Proceedings* in August 2014.

Captain DuFresne's personal awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation, along with numerous other unit and campaign awards.



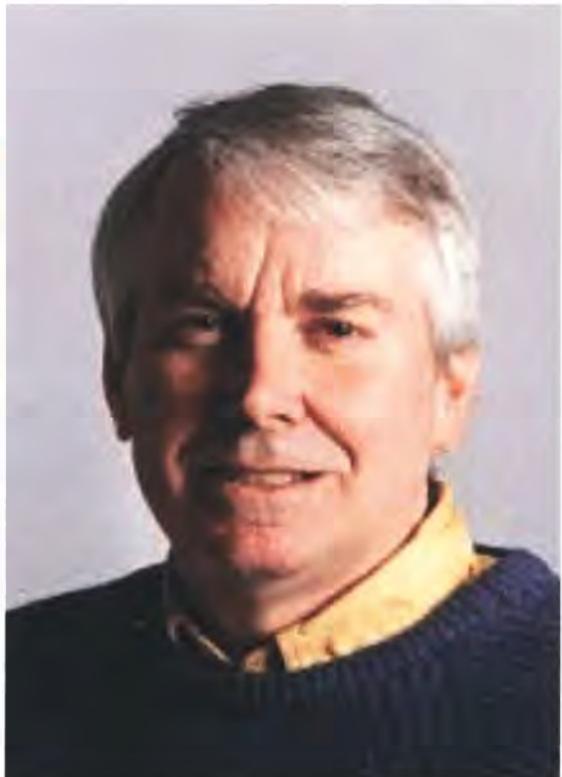
Gary Craig is a member of the Democrat and Chronicle's Watchdog team, and focuses on public safety and criminal justice.

He has worked at Rochester newspapers since 1990, covering City Hall, politics, and federal courts before joining the newspaper's investigative team.

He has won state and national investigative writing awards.

He is married to Charlotte Craig and the couple has two daughters.

He is the author of "Seven Million," a book about the 1993 Brink's heist in Rochester.



# Armed Forces Day Luncheon Program

## Pre-luncheon Concert

198th Army Band

## Sounding of Assembly

## Posting of the Colors

Multi Service Color Guard  
MSG Bing Reaves, United States Army - Retired

## Singing of the National Anthem

Bruce Dunn, Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

## Pledge of Allegiance

County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo

## Invocation

CH(LTC) William B. Leone, USA Retired

## POW/MIA Remembrance

Bruce Dunn, Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

## Taps

In Remembrance of our Fallen Men and Women

## Amazing Grace

## Singing of God Bless America

Bruce Dunn, Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

## Welcome

Major General Dennis Lutz, United States Army – Retired

## Greetings

Honorable Cheryl Dinolfo, County Executive, Monroe County

## Cake Cutting Ceremony

Captain Joseph S. DuFresne  
United States Coast Guard

## ~ Lunch being Served ~

## Honorary Chair

Gary Craig— Investigative Reporter—Democrat & Chronicle

## Guest Speaker

Captain Joseph S. DuFresne  
United States Coast Guard

## Closing Remarks

Major General Dennis Lutz, United States Army – Retired

## Retiring of the Colors

Multi Service Color Guard

## Benediction

CH(LTC) William B. Leone, USA Retired

## The Star Spangled Banner

**Oh, say, can you see, by the  
dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the  
twilight's last gleaming?**

**Whose broad stripes and bright  
stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd,  
were so gallantly streaming?**

**And the rockets' red glare, the  
bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our  
flag was still there.**

**O say, does that star-spangled  
banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the  
home of the brave?**

## God Bless America

**God Bless America,  
Land that I love.**

**Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night with the light  
from above.**

**From the mountains, to the prai-  
ries,  
to the oceans, white with foam,**

**God Bless America,  
My home sweet home.**

**God Bless America,  
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*The VBC supports and advances the contributions of Veteran business owners by highlighting the strength, value, and quality of the myriad of goods and services they provide to our local community and economy.*

## Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Veterans Business Council (VBC) is to develop, empower, and connect Veteran business owners and workforce through leadership, collaboration, and service.



## Vision Statement

To serve as a force multiplier for our members by providing and connecting them with the resources necessary to ensure a strong, talented, and prosperous Veteran business community.

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Recognize those who have passed on since April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019

When: Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 3:00 pm for the annual service.

Where: Rochester War Memorial (Blue Cross Arena)

Flags of the Armed Services to be placed at the entrance to the various cemeteries in Monroe County, May 27, 2019.

Recognize those who have served with the Rochester City Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2019 at 10:30 am.

Parade starts at East Ave and Alexander St. and runs through West Main St to Plymouth Ave.



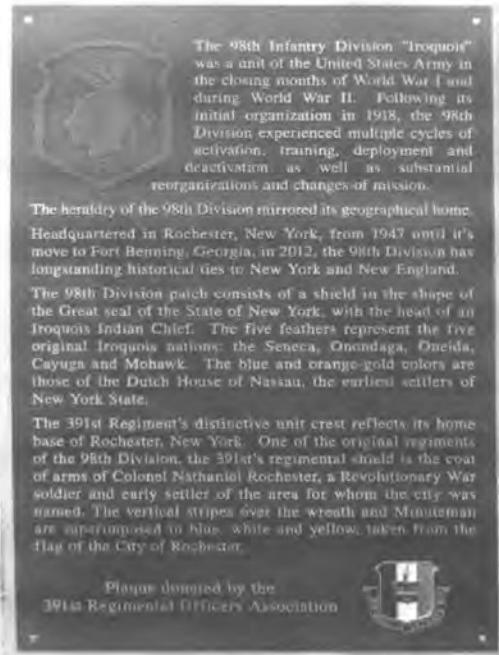
The parade begins at 10:30 am.



## The 391<sup>st</sup> Regimental Officers' Association



Honors the service and memory of all the dedicated soldiers of the Regiment and the 98<sup>th</sup> Division who have gone before us, those who continue their service, and retired veterans of the Regiment and 98<sup>th</sup> Division.



This plaque, dedicated January, 2019, now hangs in the Rochester Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial, donated by the 391<sup>st</sup> Regimental Officers' Association.

The 391<sup>st</sup> Regimental Officers' Association expresses its appreciation and gratitude to all who made donations to the 98<sup>th</sup> Division Memorial Monument Fund.

The monument will soon be erected and dedicated at the National Infantry Museum located in Columbus, Georgia, just outside the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, GA.



A special honor to the memory of SGM Dick Anten, a 40-year veteran as Division Provost Marshall of the 98<sup>th</sup> Division (and in other assignments), who passed away in December, 2018.



VFW Post 8495 is located in Fairport NY, at 300 Macedon Center Road (14450). 585-425-1363.

VFW Post 8495 in Fairport is the largest and most active Post in Western NY. Our support of Veterans reaches far in our community, living up to the VFW's motto of "Nobody does more for Veterans".

Post 8495 is also proud to support and be an active member of our local community. Whether through our school outreach events, scholarship programs or participation in local community events, we are here to also support those who so readily support us.

Please consider joining us for any of the tributes and ceremonies we hold for our Veterans. These are always open to the public!

- Memorial Day Ceremony: May 27<sup>th</sup> after the Memorial Day Parade at Potter Park in Fairport. All Veterans are welcome to March with the Post. Meet at Post 8495 at 9AM.
- D-Day Tribute – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM at Post 8495
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Fairport: July 4<sup>th</sup>. All Veterans are welcome to March with the Post. Meet at Post 8495 at 9AM.
- Korean Armistice Signing: July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM at Post 8495
- Victory in Japan Day Ceremony: September 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10AM at Post 8495
- Veterans Day Ceremony: November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11AM at Post 8495
- Iraq and Afghanistan Wars Tribute: December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM at Post 8495
- Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord Ceremony: January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM Post at 8495
- Desert Storm Ceremony: February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM at Post 8495

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## Gold Star Mothers

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, George Vaughn Seibold, 23, volunteered, requesting assignment in aviation. He was sent to Canada where he learned to fly British planes since the United States had neither an air force nor planes. Deployed to England, he was assigned to the British Royal Flying Corps, 148th Aero Squadron. With his squadron, he left for combat duty in France. He corresponded with his family regularly. His mother, Grace Darling Seibold, began to do community service by visiting returning servicemen in the hospitals.

Grace continued to visit hospitalized veterans in the Washington area, clinging to the hope that her son might have been injured and returned to the United States without any identification. While working through her sorrow, she helped ease the pain of the many servicemen who returned so war-damaged that they were incapable of ever reaching normalcy.

She organized a group consisting solely of these special mothers, with the purpose of not only comforting each other, but giving loving care to hospitalized veterans confined in government hospitals far from home.

The organization was named after the Gold Star that families hung in their windows in honor of the deceased veteran.

After years of planning, June 4, 1928, twenty-five mothers met in Washington, DC to establish the national organization, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

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## Armed Forces Day History



On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.



In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "It is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated: "Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense."



The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense." It was chosen as a means of expressing the unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Although this was the theme for the day, there were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. It was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.



According to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."



The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington, D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched pass the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Templehof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed "battlewagons" of World War II: the Missouri, the New Jersey, the North Carolina, and the Iowa, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar was exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.

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15 JULY 2019

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